

CITY OF PORT ALEXANDER

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Resolution 03-02

A RESOLUTION OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION MODEL BOROUGH

WHEREAS: Port Alexander is a centrally located and isolated small community with affiliations in most larger towns in Southeast Alaska for purposes of legislative districting, judicial districting, mail and transportation services, school administration, emergency planning, and emergency services support; and

WHEREAS: The economic parameters of Port Alexander are based (in order of dominance) on fishing, tourism, city operations, education, and various single operator services and cottage industries; and

WHEREAS: Other communities in the proposed Southeast Island model borough appear to be focused on tourism and forest industries; and

WHEREAS: Those communities have developed with the growth of the Tongass National Forest logging industry; and

WHEREAS: Port Alexander developed initially with the fishing industry and more recently with the perceived opportunities for a subsistence lifestyle; and

WHEREAS: The original incorporation of our community into the Southeast Island School District (the apparent boundary model) was by default due to the inherent problems or inappropriateness of service by the Chatham School District; and

WHEREAS: The single validly uniting parameter of the model borough recommendation is the existence of a "common waterway" connecting the various communities is at best weak and presents the same opportunities of borough union with any of a number of communities.

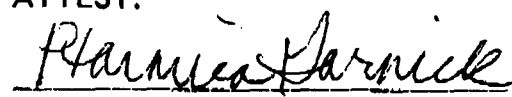
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Port Alexander wishes to remain in the unorganized borough; believes that the grouping of towns in the "unorganized" borough still has merit; is probably appropriate for many Alaska towns; and that the proliferation of additional layers of government is not necessarily a positive growth in all cases.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2003, at a Port Alexander City council meeting.



David D Wallen, mayor

ATTEST:



Ptarmica Garnick, city clerk